

# INVESTIGATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

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<b>Reporting Year:</b> 2002	<b>Park:</b> Shenandoah NP
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<b>Permit#:</b> SHEN-2001-SCI-0003	
<b>Park-assigned Study Id. #:</b> SHEN-00262	
<b>Project Title:</b> Temperature/elevation relationships on the east and west  flanks of the Blue Ridge Mountain	
<b>Permit Start Date:</b> Jan 01, 2001	<b>Permit Expiration Date</b> May 31, 2004
<b>Study Start Date:</b> Jan 01, 2001	<b>Study End Date</b> May 31, 2004
<b>Study Status:</b> Continuing	
<b>Activity Type:</b> Research	
<b>Subject/Discipline:</b> Atmosphere / Climate / Weather	
<b>Objectives:</b> Commercial vineyards are at risk of spring frost and winter cold injury. That risk is reduced with increased elevation, to an extent. The proposed activity in the Shenandoah NP will help define the upper limit to that elevation benefit. An optimal elevation will have the dual benefits of minimal risk of traditional frost/freeze events and cooler daytime temperatures relative to lower elevations. Data loggers have been in place on private land at elevations of 1200, 1000, and 800 feet asl. The proposed data collection at 2200 feet asl in the Shenandoah NP is necessary to understand the upper limits of elevation benefit.	
<b>Findings and Status:</b> Air temperature monitoring on western flank of Blue Ridge included dataloggers at 840, 1000, 1200, and 2000 (SNP location) FEET above sea level. Frost-free period of 2001 season varied from 186 days (840 feet asl) to 216 days (2000 feet asl). Data contribute to our long-term monitoring of temperatures on both the East and West sides of Blue Ridge, as per objectives.	
<b>For this study, were one or more specimens collected and removed from the park but not destroyed during analyses?</b> No	
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